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MEXICO.

End of yellow fever at Yucatan.—Smallpox still present.

PROGRESO, October 16, 1900.

SIR: The yellow fever hitherto manifesting itself in Yucatan upon the slightest provocation, has now for several weeks ceased its visitations, and, as the cold winds are now frequent (northerners), I consider it practically safe for visitors from the United States.

Smallpox is, however, still in evidence, and I should consider it wise that all persons thinking of visiting any portion of Mexico this year should render themselves free from any chance of contagion by fresh vaccination.

Several cases of smallpox have occurred here in persons who were vaccinated some ten years ago, the virus having apparently lost its effect during that period.

Respectfully,

EDWARD H. THOMPSON,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, October 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 27, 1900:

There have been in this port during the week 12 cases and 7 deaths from yellow fever, and 3 cases and 1 death from smallpox.

There were 47 deaths from all causes including 5 from remittent and 4 from pernicious fever.

Six vessels were inspected and issued bills of health, only 2 of which carried passengers.

Sixty-three health certificates were issued to passengers for United States and Cuban ports.

On the 19th the second officer of the steamship *Merryweather* was attacked with remittent fever. There were marked remissions every day for three days and when the ship was ready for sea the patient had a temperature of 38° C. so was left here in the hospital. The temperature continued to rise and fall during the day, but on the 25th albumin appeared in the urine and other symptoms of yellow fever developed that caused the diagnosis to be changed to yellow fever. The vessel proceeded to Galveston with a marginal note on the bill of health that "the second officer was left ashore on account of remittent fever." The remissions were so marked and the symptoms of yellow fever were so late in appearing that it is a question whether the infection took place before or after entering the hospital.

At this time of the year there is more or less of paludic intercurrent with the yellow fever cases that renders an absolute diagnosis impossible. Some of the cases that start with all of the symptoms of yellow fever, assume a typhoid form and continue for three or four weeks, while other cases begin as a remittent fever and terminate with all of the symptoms of a light case of yellow fever. During the summer months the cases of yellow fever assume all of the diagnostic symptoms early in the disease and run the regular course as mapped out by the text-books, but on account of the atmospheric or some other condition this is not the case during the fall and winter months.

The chances are that the case of the officer of the steamship *Merryweather* will terminate favorably during the next few days.